

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers was held Tuesday, March 27, 2012. Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. In attendance: Chief Al Galinelli, Norman Blank, Robert Miner, James Sousa, Scott Little, Omer LeTellier, and Carolyn O'Brien. Also: Norman Guertin, Brendan McStay, Matthew Primiano, Benuamin Decastro, Steven Silva, Joseph Costa, David Brule, Jeff Dallaire, Louis Bancroft, Ken McPhillips, Ed Cabral, Peter Rooks, Ward Ring, Cullen McKain, Patrick O'Brien, and William Estrella.

Minutes from previous meeting reviewed. R. Miner made motion, with second by N. Blank, to approve as submitted; motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

„« CPR and ID cards distributed.

„« Brown University requesting to hold extrication drill Sunday, July 29th, with instructor orientation on Sunday, May 13th. N. Guertin to coordinate.

„« Dighton FD holding parade and muster Sunday, July 1st. Let Chief know if anyone interested in participating in the muster.

„« KMS holding Health Fair on May 3rd; Chief want rescue and an engine there at 0800 hrs.

„« Mt. Hope HS having a mock extrication class on April 26th at 0800. Chief would like Special Hazard with at least 3 members and rescue

with a crew of 2 to be there.

Old Business:

„« 2012/2013 Budget ¡V Chief reviewed budget as it now stands; however, he stated additional cuts may be necessary once final school requirements received. If additional cuts needed, Chief will ask Board members to be at the budget hearing. N. Blank stated department members should be ready to attend the Town Financial Meeting to ask the lost department funds be reinstated. Chief stated the FD has only gone in the red at the end of a fiscal year once since he has been Chief. Capital Items are 30 pagers and 4 portables.

„« Chief has asked Bob Horton, former captain of Eng. 6, to be guest speaker for Firemen¡s Memorial Sunday.

New Business:

„« Updated Emergency Access Box Listing provided to be placed on apparatus.

„« Updated Membership Lists ¡V Current lists to be distributed at April meeting; updates to be due by June meeting.

„« Glenn Doucette will be in town during April to switch radios to narrow band (12.5 MgH), a requirement to be completed by Jan. 1, 2013. Some of current portables will probably not work with change. When individual trucks needed for change, all portables from that station will be needed at the same time. Chief¡s office will take care of changing pagers. Chief and K. McPhillips trying to get a grant. Pager changes will be handled by Chief¡s office.

„« Chief has spoken with RIEMA Director about obtaining a repeater frequency. He has funds not used for the rescue truck to use for the cost of a receiver.

Station Reports:

„« Chief requested side-door keys for Sta. 3 and 5 be provided for placement on rescue trucks. This will allow access to those stations without the need to have the overhead doors opened, especially during inclement weather.

„« Chief distributed lists of individuals with pagers. He would like to know who has one but is not active, so he can get them back; they are needed for active members.

„« Station Manning ¡V Apprx. Cost \$5,000. To help lower cost, Chief will man two stations when necessary, and alternate.

„« Rescue members have been questioning when they will begin being paid for shifts. Chief said this is a misinterpretation of a statement he made, that he would like to pay them per shift, but is not able to due to budget constraints. They will continue to receive a stipend for calls responded to.

„« Sta. 2 was authorized to purchase paint from Sherwin Williams. The heat detector will be dropped down.

„« Chief stated in the future the department will have preference for use of the training room. Any outside source using the room for profit will be required to make a donation for its use.

„« Clothing with WFD insignia being worn other than for department functions. He stated anyone wearing it represents the department,

and should be respectful of it. Differential should be made on any items provided to the public. B. Decastro stated to also be extremely careful as to what is posted on Face Book and Twitter.

Training:

„« Basic class final live burn scheduled in Bristol on April 29th.

„« Marine training scheduled for April 16, 23, & 30 at town dock.

„« Ladder operations scheduled for April 16, 23, 25, & 30 in training room. There are four from WFD, four from Bristol, three from Barrington attending, and five open spots with eleven vying to attend.

„« 40 hr. HazMat class to be held in Bristol on Saturdays and Sundays. You must have taken ICS 100, 200, and 700 prior to class. Let Chief know if any interest.

There being no further business to discuss, N. Blank made motion, with second by V. Calenda, to adjourn. Motion unanimously passed; meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.